BEFORE

THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF

SOUTH CAROLINA

DOCKET NO. 97-202-C - ORDER NO. 97-714

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AUGUST 19, 1997

IN RE: Residents of Mayo, South Carolina,

Petitioners,

ORDER GRANTING MOTION

vs.

Chesnee Telephone Company and BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc.,

Respondents.

This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (the Commission) on the Motion of Chesnee Telephone Company (Chesnee or the Company) in this matter. The Motion filed request that we bifurcate the upcoming hearing in this matter, due to the fact that a number of individuals requesting a change in service provider are expected to testify. We believe that this is appropriate, and hereby hold that the hearing currently set for August 28, 1997 at 2:30 p.m. will be limited to the receipt of testimony from the individuals requesting the change in service providers. Further, the hearing will be continued for further evidentiary proceedings, after that time, until October 15, 1997 at 2:30 p.m., so that the Commission can receive additional evidence. Testimony from Staff and all other parties shall be

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prefiled on or before October 1, 1997.

This Order shall remain in full force and effect until further Order of the Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Chairman

ATTEST:

Executive Director

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